

## MRS. FITZSIMMONS KNOCKS OUT SIN IN THREE ROUNDS

Wife of Famous Pugilist Tells Missions Audience of Her Reformation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Old Bob Fitzsimmons fought a good many snappy scraps in his day, but it remained for Mrs. Bob to crown the glory of the family name by a bout she staged the other day.

She knocked out Satan in three rounds in the Olive Branch mission, at 24 South Desplaines street.

Mrs. Fitzsimmons, it must needs be explained, came to Chicago several days ago for the first time since, in Los Angeles last April, she was converted to old time religion by a woman who presented her with a Bible after she had attempted to commit suicide by jumping from a window of a Los Angeles hospital.

Has Established Home.

Events leading to her confinement there were influenced to a certain extent by her separation a year ago from Bob, whom she still loves. Since her conversion she has devoted most of her time to reforming women from the notorious "Barbary Coast" for whom she established a home.

The detail of the Olive Branch mission bout follows:

**Round 1.**  
"Early in life I went out into the world to make money, as an actress. I met Bob and he was very good to me after we were married. He gave me \$150,000 worth of jewels and expensive gowns and hats. Bob could be a millionaire today if he'd fought crooked fights. But he didn't, and as time went on we both became failures. Friends turned from us."

"Christ and his blessed love had not come into our lives."

**Round 2.**  
"One Saturday about a year ago I was booked to open in San Francisco with an act written by Jack London. I became suddenly ill. The doctor said, 'Tuberculosis.' I had no money. I never knew why Bob forsook me then. But though he did not come to aid me Christ did. One day a woman named Mrs. Hedges saved me—she brought me a Bible. Christ had come to me. A few days later I was committed to the psychopathic ward because of my action in attempting suicide. Then a judge sent me Dr. McNeil of the White Cross mission. Since then I have been working for Christ. Did he not say: 'Go and sin no more?'"

**Round 3.**  
"The love of money is the root of all evil."

"Fathers and mothers do not bring up their boys and girls nowadays in the love of Christ."

"Many members of churches are not Christians."

"The movies and vaudeville do not lead to salvation."

"I never could find it in my heart to call a fallen woman an outcast."

"Men will stop drinking when other men stop making drink."

"Just before she left she told a reporter: 'I received a letter from Bob the other day. He said that if he ever hears me preach he'll be converted, too.'"

### CHOLERA ABATES.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)  
TOKIO, Dec. 30.—The cholera epidemic has greatly abated. No new cases have been reported in Tokyo since November 15, and the rate of increase throughout the empire has fallen to about twenty cases daily.

### TAX PAY NAMED.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)  
LONDON, Dec. 30.—T. P. O'Connor, popularly known in America as Tax Pay, has been appointed chairman of the board of film censors, an organization created by the movie trade in England, to watch over the cinema. Mr. O'Connor says he hopes to improve the character of the movies and invites co-operation from the leaders of the best thought in the nation.

## FIRST ROBBERY FAILS; SECOND ONE A SUCCESS

New York Thief Makes Jeweler Apologize for "Offending" Him in Store.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Ten minutes after one jeweler had apologized for suspecting him of being dishonest, a daring thief snatched a diamond and emerald ring from a tray in the showrooms of the jewelry firm of Udall and Ballou at 574 Fifth avenue and, dodging passersby and policemen who had joined in the pursuit, escaped in the throng. A man who, the police and salesmen of the firm assert, worked with the thief, was arrested in the store and is locked up at police headquarters.

The ring which was stolen was valued at \$4,500. It was carefully chosen from among two dozen other costly pieces of jewelry for "a dear friend."

Apologies for "Offense."  
Early in the afternoon two men entered the jewelry store of William Reiman at 328 Fifth avenue. One of the men asked to be shown some expensive bracelets and rings. After examining several he called on his companion to aid him in making a selection. The other man then took three rings and closely examined the settings.

"These will not do," he said. "They are not good enough for a present. Here, take them back, we must go." He handed to David B. Engleson, the salesman who was waiting on them, two of the rings and became highly indignant when Engleson called his attention to the third ring that was beginning to find its way up his sleeve.

The man restored the ring and was so convincing in his talk that Engleson, who had summoned a policeman, apologized and told both men that he was grieved at having offended them. They left and walked up Fifth avenue.

Ten minutes later they entered the Udall and Ballou establishment, where Roswell Udall, son of one of the members of the firm, waited on them.

The same system was followed, the two men asking for something expensive for "a dear friend."

One of the men selected from a tray a ring set with a six carat diamond and two emeralds.

**Traffic Aids Escape.**  
"Ah, this one is much like my mother's ring," he declared. "Let me take it nearer the light."

He walked toward a window and on out of the door. Mr. Udall ran after him, shouting, "Stop, thief!" Passersby and several policemen took up the chase, which ended when he dodged among automobiles and pedestrians and disappeared.

### LIQUOR GIVEN COWS.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)  
LONDON, Dec. 30.—Giving evidence in favor of the retention of a license to sell liquors in a small suburb of London, a farmer said that he found the solitary inn a great convenience. He said he was in the habit of giving a quart of beer to the cows after milking, and that he also gave them a pint of whiskey occasionally. The stock would suffer, he said, if deprived of these beverages.

## HELPS TO BUILD HER \$40,000 BUNGALOW ON THE ROOF OF NEW YORK SKY-SCRAPER



Mrs. Earl Carroll laying bricks for her new bungalow.

Mrs. Earl Carroll, wife of Earl Carroll, the American composer, has been busy during the past few weeks helping to build her \$40,000 bungalow on the roof of a New York sky-scraper. The bungalow will have eight rooms, and will be surrounded by a fine Italian garden, a vegetable garden and an orchard consisting of two apple trees.

## JAP BUTLER SEES STRANGE THINGS IN GLASS ON TABLE

Husband Asserts Wife Had Affinity and She Says He Had One, Too.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—In the double divorce action between George Saxton Barber and Mrs. Bertha Barber, it developed that real life for once approached the ingenuity of the movies. Testimony was given by a Japanese butler that he had seen Mrs. Barber kissing and embracing another man by a reflection in a table glass.

It did not appear how much weight Justice Cohan gave the glass as a transmitter of evidence when he denied Mrs. Barber's application for \$3,000 counsel fee and \$100 a week alimony pending the trial of her own divorce suit. The proceedings have been going on for more than a year with minor strains from a third suit involved.

**First Suit in August, 1915.**  
The first suit was started in August, 1915, by Mrs. Barber, who said she left Barber's home in April of that year because he had come home drunk every night for five years and also accused him of relations with Miss Mary Singleton, a stenographer in the United States arsenal at Picatinny, N. J. Barber denied this.

Later Barber, who is a nephew of the late Mrs. William McKinley, brought a counter suit, alleging an alleged offer from Mrs. Barber to return as his wife, provided his mother staked her to \$50,000 pin money.

Barber asserted that the accusations against Miss Singleton and himself were trumped up as part of a plot by Mrs. Barber to be freed from him so she could enjoy life with Charles B. Geissenhainer.

**Claims Wife Has Affinity.**  
In March, 1915, the husband says, when he and his wife had been married nine years, Geissenhainer was introduced to Mrs. Barber and her affection began to wander.

According to Barber's affidavit, hired a costly automobile and every morning while Barber was away would wait with the limousine around the corner from his apartment.

Mrs. Barber, the affidavit recites, would pass the time away in shopping and later pick up Geissenhainer, with whom she would have luncheon.

Among the gifts from Geissenhainer to Mrs. Barber which her husband mentions was a saddle horse, and his story continues that while she was being taught to ride in Central park Geissenhainer rode near enough in the motor car to catch her if she fell off.

The car, with curtains drawn, also figures in Barber's account of visits to a road house near Jamaica, where he said his wife and Geissenhainer were known as "Mr. and Mrs. Taylor."

**Says Wife Left Home.**  
Then in April of last year, says Mrs. Barber, his wife departed from their large home at Succasunna, N. J., which he had bought for her for \$15,000, to live in three rooms and a kitchenette at 24 West Fifty-ninth street.

At that time, says Geissenhainer, who visited there frequently, and cited the table glass as part of his authority.

This table glass was under the particular care of John K. C. Chinen during the two weeks he was employed as butler. After selling of Geissenhainer's visits and several little breakfasts served in the bedroom the Japanese remarked: "On one occasion I served them cocktails while they were both intoxicated, and Charlie accused Mrs. Barber of being Irish."

At another time Charlie, as the Japanese says Geissenhainer was known to him, was betrayed by the glassware. The butler was in another room, when he says he saw "Mrs. Barber and her companion, Charlie, kissing and hugging in the dining room." From where he stood the Japanese declared he could perceive this by means of the reflection in the table glass.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy possesses a collection of 20,000 coins, which is said to be the finest in Europe.

## SEEKS \$300,000 FROM ESTATE

New Yorker Says She Cannot Live on \$25,000 a Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Olga V. Florman, who recently said in a petition to the surrogates' court that she could not live on an income of \$25,000 a year and support her small child, has sought to compel immediate payment of about \$300,000 to her from the estate of her father, Charles Kohler, wealthy piano manufacturer.

The petition for the payment is contained in objections to an accounting by her mother, Mrs. Veronica M. Kohler; William B. Ellison and Richard W. Lawrence, as executors of her father's estate. By her father's will Mrs. Florman, who is 22 years old, receives an annuity of \$25,000.

Three trusts in addition of \$100,000 each are to be paid to her when she reaches the age of 25, 35 and 45 years. Mrs. Florman says that the trusts set aside for the payment of her annuity and similar ones for her sisters, Vera and Rita, together aggregate \$1,182,028, which is much more than is necessary. She asks that the surplus be divided among the heirs and that she receive her share.

Mrs. Florman is the wife of Nils Florman, a stock broker at 777 Madison avenue. In her recent petition she said she received a salary of \$50 a week while learning a business.

## WAGE

Increase of about Twenty Per Cent is Granted to Canal Laborers.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)  
PANAMA, Dec. 30.—The board appointed by Acting Governor Harding to consider a revision of wages and conditions of employment of alien canal laborers, mostly negroes, has granted an increase of about twenty per cent in pay to the lowest paid laborers, making the minimum wage twelve instead of ten cents an hour. Minor increases are given for more skilled labor, and those on arduous jobs. The new wage scale goes into effect January 1. The board went on record as recognizing the obligation of the government to pay its men a wage sufficient to maintain them in reasonable comfort and decency, and stated that the higher standard to which the West Indians had become accustomed was a reason for maintaining improved conditions.

The desirability of housing the employees on the Canal zone was stated, and Acting Governor Harding has recommended an additional appropriation to take care of this. This feature has military aspects, as during the recent strike it was brought out that inimical interests operating in Panama might prevent many of the laborers from going from their homes to work and thus cripple the operation of the canal.

### PLANTING TREES.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)  
DUBLIN, Dec. 30.—The planting on a large scale is going on in Ireland to replace the timber cut down for use in the war. In Cavan county 70,000 trees have been planted, and in other counties many thousands have been put down. Agricultural societies are offering afforestation prizes.

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## TRIES TO "SAIL" HOTEL AS BOAT

Cheese, Honey, Bananas and Cream Strange Decoction Eaten.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Frederick S. Minott, member of the board of directors of the Goodyear Rubber Company, which was founded by his father, tried the other night to transform the Hotel Lexington at Lakewood, N. J., into the comic opera ship Pinaflore. The local police frustrated him.

About 9 o'clock he appeared in the dining room and going up to a table at which sat Mrs. Rosa M. Larrabee and Mrs. Cornelia B. Mathews, requested they use their influence to get him some cheese, honey and sliced bananas. They called a waiter and the concoction, once served, was mixed in a bowl of cream. Then it was eaten by the unexpected guest.

Following the strange meal, this guest arose and said he must pace the deck. As he walked back and forth in the dining room he gave orders for seamen to jump right and left, quoted Gilbert and Sullivan operas, then delivered an oration on his family, which was one of the oldest in America, he said, having been of the Dorchester colony of 1630.

People in the hotel at this time became alarmed and telephoned to the police. The hotel was surrounded and then, as the visitor was ordering the weighing of the anchor, he was seized. Seeing his brother, William A. Minott, with the police, he went willingly. The party sat for hours in the town hall, where police headquarters are situated and started for New York in the morning.

Minott lives at 865 Park avenue. It was not explained what prompted his sudden appearance and conduct.

## BRIDE

Of 13 Years is Deserted, She Says; Frequently Cries for Dolls.

DES MOINES, Dec. 30.—A 13-year-old bride of three months, who took as dolls with her when she went to live with her young husband, caused his arrest on charges of wife desertion.

Cecil Gillian and John Noble were wed with the consent of the bride's parents at Boone, Ia., on September 12. The girl was thirteen years old and the bridegroom 23.

Before the marriage Noble promised the girl's mother, Mrs. Amanda Gillian, he would build a home in which the newlyweds should live, the mother declares.

After the marriage he took his young wife to live with his parents six miles north of Highland park. There she was treated unkindly, she tearfully declared, and was finally ordered from the house by her mother-in-law.

"I was afraid they would hurt me

and I was in a hurry to go home to my mother," she said. "So I just packed my clothes in a small black bag. There was no room for my two dolls, so I had to leave them. I'm going back after them because I want them."

"When I left the house my husband only took me to the interurban line and left me to go the rest of the way home alone. I was so disappointed over leaving my dolls that I cried all the way home on the car."

### WOMAN WALKS 3 MILES IN ONE DAY'S HOUSEWORK

GARDINER, Me., Dec. 30.—A woman of Gardiner wore a pedometer all one day from 5:30 a. m. till 9:30 p. m., while she was working around

her house. At the end of the day she had walked a trifle less than three miles.

### TELEPHONE POLE 120 FEET HIGH, TALLEST IN WORLD

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 30.—Probably the tallest telephone pole in the world is where the wires of the Pacific States Telephone Company cross the Chehalis river, near Aberdeen.

For some time a pole ninety feet high was sufficient to keep the wires clear of the river craft, but the increasing passage of ocean steamers making a higher pole necessary a new one 120 feet high was set up.

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